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1. This Agency has been the recipient of certain information concerning E. Herbert Norman as was contained in the letter of 1 November 1950 from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover to Major General A. R. Bolling, Assistant Chief of Staff, Department of the Army, as follows.

2. In October 1951, Maj. Gen. C. A. Willoughby forwarded to an official of this Agency for transmission to the Department of State a study on the Institute of Pacific Relations. The study was accompanied by a note which made known the fact that page 6 of the basic document contained a reference to Herbert Norman, Canadian diplomat, and General Willoughby advised that he had withheld this information from the Senate hearings. He requested that this document be given to the State Department as it was a State Department matter and should be handled in their channels. The document in question appears to be a report entitled "Japan Council IPR" compiled by General Willoughby's staff in Tokyo. On page 6 of the basic document there is a reference to E. Herbert Norman and Shigeto Tsuru and reference to Exhibit #1 of the document which contains summaries of information on the two persons. Contained in Exhibit #1 of the document is a three-page summary of information on E. Herbert Norman dated 11 April 1951 containing biographic and related data. In addition there are seven paragraphs of information specifically relating to a letter dated 1 November 1950 from J. Edgar Hoover to Maj. Gen. Bolling, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army.

3. As requested by General Willoughby, this document was apparently forwarded [REDACTED] to the Department of State about the first of November 1951.

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4. In November 1953, the CIC in Tokyo, Japan, turned over to the Agency's [REDACTED] a number of files which the CIC considered as dead files. These files were screened to determine those of interest and in turn were subsequently forwarded to headquarters, Washington. Among these files were two folders, one entitled Tsuru, Shigeto and the other Japan Council IPR. The Japan Council folder is apparently identical to the one sent to this Agency in October 1951 by General Willoughby and subsequently forwarded to the Department of State as requested. The folder on Tsuru, Shigeto contains summaries of information concerning persons listed as being connected with Tsuru.

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There is a three-page summary of information on E. Hebert Norman identical to the one as contained in the folder Japan Council IPR. This three-page summary contains the specific reference to the letter dated 1 November 1950 from Mr. Hoover to Maj. Gen. Balling.

3. Other than the forwarding of the folder Japan Council IPR to the State Department in November 1951 as requested by General Willoughby, this Agency has not disseminated the information contained in the two folders now in the possession of the Agency to any department of government nor to any Congressional committee or member of Congress.

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